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SUBJECT: SUB-CABINET MEETING WITH JAPAN ON ECONOMIC
QUESTIONS

REF: TOKYO 10492, TOKYO 11178

1. DURING SEPT. 4 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIG-
NATE HABIB, 2ND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CHIEF SAITO RAISED
QUESTION OF SUB-CABINET MEETING ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. HABIB
SOUGHT SAITO'S VIEWS ON TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETING, SUG-
GESTING THAT WE MIGHT WISH TO RECONSIDER TIMING IN VIEW
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OF LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED
FOR REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR. SAITO SAID THAT PRESIDENT'S

VISIT TO JAPAN HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN GOJ PROPOSED HOLDING SUB-CABINET MEETING IN TOKYO DEC. 2-3. IT WAS AGREED THAT SAITO WOULD REOPEN DISCUSSION WITHIN GOJ ON TIMING OF MEETING AND INFORM US IF GOJ WISHED TO MAKE NEW PROPOSAL IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

2. FYI: WE SEE LITTLE POINT IN HOLDING MEETING DEC 2-3, WHICH WOULD BE JUST AFTER PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, AND BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE PRIOR TO PRESIDENT'S VISIT. OUR CURRENT FEELING IS THAT WE SHOULD GO THROUGH WITH MEETING, BUT DELAY IT UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR. END FYI. KISSINGER

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